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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Material

SUBJECT : Comments on Trip Report D/MAT dated 6 October 1958-
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1. Ref para 3. C. (2). It would be advantageous to pilot reassurance to have semi-annual visits made to detachments by a pressure suit manufacturer representative. True to the report, we are rapidly approaching the critical period in the serviceability period of the garments. The original life expectancy was judged to be two years with considerations of an even shorter period in the event of hot climate operations and significant changes in pilot torso measurements.

2. During the past year, a majority of the pressure suits have been returned to the manufacturer for repair and retailoring. In some cases, at the discretion of the physiologist and/or the manufacturer, some garments have been condemned and replaced. The common cause for replacement has been due to changes in body measurement. Though I personally cannot recognize the semi-annual trips as essential, I nevertheless express an attitude of desirability in the plan.

3. Ref para E - dealing with visit to Eastman. The procedure for storing film stocks at [] and a system of issue direct to the detachments from [] has been implemented subsequent to [] visit.

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Colonel USAF
Director of Operations

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